Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, On July 13, 1987, Harold and Mildred Johnson will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary; and,

WHEREAS, A reception in their honor, hosted by their seven children, will be held June 28, 1987; and,

WHEREAS, Harold and Mildred are both natives of Gregory County, South Dakota. Harold is the son of Charles and Olive Johnson of rural Burke and Mildred is the daughter of George and Lora Nelson of Lucas; and,

WHEREAS, Harold and Mildred were married on Sunday morning, July 13, 1947, in the Lucas Baptist Church, Lucas, South Dakota, immediately before sunday school. Their best man was Calvin Swift, Mildred's cousin, and the maid of honor was Marge Swift, Harold's sister; and,

WHEREAS, After a honeymoon trip to California, they set up farming near Lucas in Gregory County; and,

WHEREAS, Farming has been the continuous livelihood of the Johnsons for the past 40 years. Their operation consists of stock and milk cattle. Though the operation centers around cattle, other animals such as sheep, pigs, horses and chickens have also been raised at one time or another. Crops consisting of grains, corn and alfalfa, etc., are raised as feed for the animals; and,

WHEREAS, Harold and Mildred have seven children, all South Dakota residents. David, born in 1948, was married to Ann Preslicka of Burke in 1971. They have a son Justin, 14 years old, and live near Lucas. Laura Dianne, born in 1953, was married to Ron Frana of El Segundo, California, in 1975. They have an eight year old daughter, Adria, and live in Pierre. Patricia, born in 1958, was married to Mark Hanrahan of Milesville in Haakon County in 1983. They have two children, Kalie who is three and Chad who is three months. They farm near Milesville. Beverly, born in 1959, was married to Randy Wilson of Pierre in 1984 and live near Pierre. Jeffrey, born in 1961, was married to Mary Conrad of Bridgeport, Nebraska, in 1984. They live near Burke. Douglas, born in 1967, farms near Burke. Sarah, born in 1974, is in the seventh grade; and,

WHEREAS, Harold and Mildred are members of the First Baptist Church and all seven of their children were baptized in that church; and,

WHEREAS, Harold and Mildred Johnson have been an asset to their community and church, and are nurturing and loving parents of seven children; and,

[redacted], Harold and Mildred Johnson have contributed to the agricultural economy and the farming tradition of the state of South Dakota for the past [redacted] years;

NOW, [redacted], I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Monday, July 13, 1987, as

HAROLD AND MILDRED JOHNSON DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

[redacted] G. LICKEY, [redacted] OF STATE